

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
(Copeland, Kansas)

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To: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division

Petition for Rule Making

Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc. ("Petitioner"), pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, hereby respectfully requests that the Table of Allotments contained in Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules be amended as follows:

Community

Proposed Channel No.

Copeland, Kansas

280C1*

In support of this request, the following is respectfully submitted:

1. Copeland, Kansas is a town located in Gray County approximately 35 miles southwest of Dodge City, Kansas. Copeland, Kansas is designated as an incorporated city in the 1990 U.S. Census. Accordingly, Copeland, Kansas represents a community within the definition of Section 73.1120 of the Commission's Rules.

2. The proposed FM channel would provide a third local FM broadcast service to Copeland, Kansas. Attached hereto is an

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Engineering Report and study which demonstrates that the proposed assignment of Channel 280C1 will comply with the minimum mileage separation requirements of Section 73.207 of the Commission's Rules. The proposed assignment can be made without a site restriction.

3. Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc. respectfully requests that Channel 280C1 be designated as a non-commercial channel. As reflected in the attached Engineering Report, the proximity of KBSD-TV, Channel 6 (licensed to Ensign, Kansas) precludes the assignment of any full power reserve band non-commercial FM services to the Copeland, Kansas area. The spacing studies conducted for the attached Engineering Report disclose the existence of at least seven additional open channels for Class C1 operation in the Copeland, Kansas area. Channel 280C1 can be assigned to Copeland, Kansas for use as a non-commercial FM station and be in full compliance with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

4. Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc. is the non-commercial FCC licensee of KJIL (FM), Copeland, Kansas. Should the Commission assign Channel 280C1 to Copeland, the Petitioner will promptly submit an FCC form 340 application seeking to utilize the assignment. Upon a grant of its FCC Form 340 application, Petitioner will promptly build and operate a full service FM broadcast station at Copeland, Kansas. Should Petitioner's application become the subject of one or more competing applications, Petitioner intends to prosecute its application to

the fullest extent possible under the Commission's rules and policies.

Wherefore, based on the foregoing, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making pursuant to Section 1.407 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations seeking public comment on the modification to Section 73.202(b) requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc.

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Attachment

GREAT PLAINS CHRISTIAN RADIO

Petition to Amend the
F.M. Table of Allotments 73.202(b)

Assigning F.M. Channel #280C1
To
Copeland, Kansas

July 19, 1994

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ENGINEERING REPORT

I, Larry P. Waggoner, have been retained by Great Plains Christian Radio to prepare this report in support of their petition for the Commission to amend the Table of Allotments, 73.202(b), assigning FM Channel #280C1 as a non-commercial channel for Copeland, Kansas.

Copeland, in Gray County, Kansas, is designated as an incorporated city in the 1990 U.S. Census with a population of 290 persons.

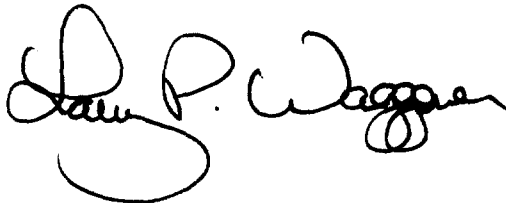
Exhibit #1 is a Class C1 spacing study for Channel #280, done from the site of the existing tower now used by KJIL, Channel #256, licensed to Copeland. There are no short or even close spacings that would preclude the use of the frequency as requested.

The spacing studies conducted for this report disclosed seven additional open channels for Class C1 operation from the test site. Several of these open channels are on adjacent frequencies, but at least three additional Class C1 channels could be assigned from the test site.

The test site is located 29.03 kilometers, on a bearing of 50.9°, from the transmitter site of KBSD-TV, Channel 6, licensed to Ensign, Kansas (N37°38'28"-W100°20'40"). The closeness of this 100kw television service precludes the assignment of any full power reserve band non-commercial FM services for the Copeland, Kansas area.

Channel #280C1 can be assigned to Copeland, Kansas, for use as a non-commercial FM station, and be in full compliance with the Commission's regulations.

All information and statements given in this report are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.



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EXHIBIT #1

FCC Database Date: 5/94

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FM Study

Channel Class: C1

100-35-59

Location: COPELAND, KS

Call City, State

Chan Class Freq kW Latitude Dist. Required

Status Proponent

File Number HAAT Longitude Azm. Clear (km)

Study For Channel 280 103.9 mHz

KNABFM BURLINGTON, CO	281 C1 104.1	51.	39-17-41	248.6	177	
LIC KNAB, INC.	BLH-900222KD	110	102-15-37	324.8	+71.6	CLEAR
KEYNFM WICHITA, KS	279 C1 103.7	95.	37-46-37	274.2	177	
LIC LONG-PRIDE BROADCASTI	BLH-7800	262	97-31-01	82.1	+97.2	CLEAR
KVGBFM GREAT BEND, KS	282 C1 104.3	96.	38-25-54	192.5	82	
LIC FORWARD OF KANSAS, IN	BLH-7258	247	98-46-18	56.0	+110.5	CLEAR
KJLS HAYS, KS	277 C1 103.3	100.	38-55-20	194.1	82	
LIC RADIO, INC.	BLH-6287	140	99-21-11	33.9	+112.1	CLEAR

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was this 10th day of August, 1994 sent by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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